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Haifa Port	60	22-27	27
Tiberias	51	12-23	26
Nazareth	51	12-23	26
Afula	51	12-23	26
Samaria	51	12-23	26
Tel Aviv	64	22-27	27
Eilat	64	22-27	27
Beersheba	36	14-21	21
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Naphtali Rax will speak about his work with computers at the weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv Hilton Rotary Club at the Tel Aviv Hilton, at 1:15 p.m. today.

PAYROLL

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new tax.
Hitting out at the banks, Hurvitz accused them of receiving salaries above the framework agreement signed by the government and state employees. This, he said, lowers state revenue, because higher expenses mean less income tax paid by the banks.

The Treasury has also expressed dissatisfaction with policies adopted by Examiners of Banks Oded Messer, whom it accuses of allowing the institutions to operate as a cartel. For instance, they all recently increased the service charge on foreign currency transactions, a move which allegedly enabled them to raise salaries.

At the economic cabinet meeting, Hurvitz explained that over-reliance on the one hand and lower than expected tax revenues on the other, have created a large deficit for the first half of the year. To close the gap, he said, the government will have to cut its expenses even more and at the same time, raise taxes and cancel tax breaks awarded recently to corporations, investors and workers.

Budget Department director Haim Arkin added that there has been a rise in local authorities' deficits, and also an increase in subsidization as various rates were not raised in time.

Rounding out the picture, Lynn predicted that tax revenue for the year will total \$346.4b., an increase of only 1.8 per cent over fiscal 1979, compared to inflation projected at 125-130 per cent.

The revenue projection's two main components are the income tax department, \$209b. (including the planned \$23b. increase from improved collection), a 128 per cent rise, and customs department (including value added and other indirect taxes) \$137b., an increase of 305 per cent. Most of the drop stems from a 25-30 per cent fall in purchase of durable goods, both imports and of local origin.

Treasury economists yesterday expressed doubts as to whether the income tax department will be able to meet its part of the updated forecast, which calls for a drop of only 5-7 per cent in all tax revenue.

The meeting, with Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Yadin replaced by Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz and Housing Minister David Levy absent, also heard the news that National Insurance revenues are lagging behind expectations because amendments to the law governing them were not implemented according to plan.

The economic cabinet will sit once more next week, and then pass on the revised budget proposal to the entire cabinet, which will in turn bring it to the Knesset for approval.

In other action, the committee's ministers voted that tax payments and refunds will all be rounded off to the nearest shekel.

LOTTO. — The winning numbers in yesterday's drawing were 10, 16, 20, 32, 33, 35, and the extra number 07. First prize was \$288,127, and prizes totalled \$1,587,280 out of \$2,574,580 in revenue for the week.

HOME & WORLD NEWS

Shafir speaks out for new police plan: Fully-funded Tirosh will only contain crime

By YORAM BAR

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Even if police receive the funds necessary to implement their proposed reorganization plan, the extent of crime in Israel will not be lessened but only contained, Inspector-General Herzl Shafir warned yesterday.

Presenting the Tirosh reorganization plan to reporters in Jerusalem yesterday, Shafir said that crime rates have jumped sharply in the last five years. At the same time, the percentage of crime cases solved has fallen.

Tirosh is meant to meet the rising crime wave, Shafir explained. The plan was put together during the first four months of 1980 by police commanders of various branches and levels.

The cabinet unanimously approved the plan in principle last Sunday, and delegated Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz and Interior Minister Yosef Burg to settle the budget to be allocated to implementing the plan.

Police national headquarters estimates that the plan will cost \$1.25b. at January 1980 prices, and it has requested that the sum be allocated in equal parts over the next several years. But Treasury officials have already said that only a small portion of that amount will be available for starting implementation this year. Hurvitz has claimed that he "does not know from where the money can be taken."

Police estimate that if the Tirosh

plan is not applied soon, they will be unable to cope with crime in Israel and unable to guarantee public safety. Senior officers have said that the force has for some time already been "under the red line, and its condition is deteriorating daily."

Shafir noted that the police force's main shortfall is in professional personnel, especially in its investigation and intelligence departments. But neither are parliament and administrators at the desired level, he added.

According to the inspector-general, the police also suffer from a serious shortage of equipment, vehicles, radios and building space. Existing structures are 40 years old or more, he noted, and simply do not meet the needs of a modern force.

Shafir said that the police must completely revamp their approach to the war on crime, and must adopt a new system of increased foot patrols: "We have planned a system which divides the whole country into beats, in which special police will be able to observe what goes on from close up," he explained.

Turning to the subject of organized crime, Shafir said that the police have worked over the last few months on defining the term to make a war against it possible. "I can say that recent investigations into various criminal affairs were the fruit of this planning, and we expect results in this area soon," he predicted.

EC's foreign ministers plan talks on Mideast initiative

By HYAM CORNEY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The foreign ministers of the nine European Community countries will meet next week in New York during the UN General Assembly to decide how to continue their Middle East peace initiative.

This was announced last night by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington at a press conference which followed his address to 400 Jewish leaders.

Carrington told the meeting that more precise information would have to be obtained by the Nine, such as how many people the Palestinians envisage living in a Palestinian state.

When queried about reported Arab plans to get Israel expelled from the UN, he said he would total-ly oppose such a move.

He denied that Britain's Middle East policy was governed by Arab oil interests. "Nobody can accuse Britain of wanting Arab oil," he said.

Though criticised by a number of quarters regarding his attitude towards the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Carrington maintained that the PLO had to be involved in negotiations because it represented a large number of Palestinians.

Carrington was subjected to some heckling, even given what one participant described as "a tough reception."

The meeting of the Jewish leaders was organized at Carrington's request by the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Terrorist says Arab summit depends on U.S. elections

BEIRUT (AP). — Saudi Arabia is urging other Arab states to postpone a planned Arab summit in Jordan until after U.S. elections in case of changes in American policy, a militant Palestinian leader said.

Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said the summit scheduled to be held in early November could be put off until early next year.

The summit might be delayed as requested by Saudi Arabia which wants Arabs to sort out their differences before the summit is held. Hawatmeh said during an interview this week at his headquarters in the Palestinian neighbourhood of Sabra.

Officials in Jordan said the summit had been tentatively rescheduled from early November to November 28 and there was a possibility of further changes.

Air-conditioning for taxis required within six months

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — All taxis will be required to have air-conditioning within the next six months, Transport Minister Haim Landau revealed yesterday.

Landau told a press conference here that the Treasury had agreed to waive the taxes on the air-conditioners for taxis. He said the installation would cost the nation's 6,000 taxi-owners about \$28,000 each.

Landau was speaking at a luncheon aboard the Zim freighter Shikma. He was visiting Haifa shipping facilities in connection with the International Day of the Sea.

Discussing the full range of transportation, Landau said that he appreciated the difficulties encountered when tourists taking a taxi were required to pay 165 per cent more than the meter showed, because the meters were chronologically behind the new prices. However, there were only two companies servicing the meters, and they appeared to be unable to keep the meters updated.

Asked why his ministry had per-

mitted bus drivers to gradually ignore the regulation obliging them to display their name and registration number on their coin dispensers, Landau conceded that he did not know such a regulation existed. It had been promulgated by the previous minister in response to drivers who refused to identify themselves to passengers, and thus prevented complaints. Now that his attention had been drawn to the matter, he said, he would look into it.

Landau said that El Al staff reductions would continue to cut the company's losses, and promised they would be effected "from top to bottom."

Regarding charter flights, he said that "frightful verbal violence" had been let loose by the charter operators who wanted a free hand to skim the cream during the high season.

Earlier in the day, Landau marked the International Day of the Sea by lowering a wreath into Haifa Bay in memory of all those who had lost their lives in the conquest of the seas.

Other Cup results were:
EUROPEAN CUP
In Sofia: CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 1 Nottingham Forest (England, holders) 0 (halftime 0-0).

Cup Winners' Cup
In Valencia: Hibernians (Malta) 1 Waterford (Ireland) 0 (halftime 0-0).

UEFA Cup
In Prague: Bohemians Prague 1 Celtic Glasgow (Scotland) 1 (halftime 1-0).

In Brno: Zbrojovka Brno (Czechoslovakia) 2, Laak Linz (Austria) 1 (halftime 2-1).

In Ireland: Salford (Northern Ireland) 2, FC Vorwarts Frankfurt/Oder (East Germany) 1 (halftime 0-1).

Ajax of the Netherlands, who were champions in 1971, 1972 and 1973, had an outstanding 2-0 win in Albania against Dinamo Tirana.

Nearly 60 matches were played last night as the three European club competitions, the Champions, Cup Winners' and UEFA Cups began in earnest.

Dulzin 'pained' by slur on Rothschilds

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin yesterday expressed "shock and pain" at statements attributed to outgoing World Zionist Organization director for Europe, Avi Primor.

In an interview appearing in Paris, Primor was quoted as saying recently that "sooner or later, history will throw out Guy de Rothschild," chairman of French Jewish's Fonds Sociale and the United Jewish Appeal. Primor also reportedly made an analogy between Rothschild and the late

shah of Iran, saying the monarch had tried to exile Khomeini, but "look what happened to him."

During his tour of duty in Paris, Primor publicly clashed with the Rothschild family in his attempts to create a more militant "Jewish lobby" in France. At one point, it was reported, Rothschild sent his son David, a member of the Jewish Agency's board of governors, to Israel to press for Primor's removal.

A month ago, Primor announced plans to leave his Paris post and accept a job as head of the Foreign Ministry's Western European



Histadrut Secretary General Yoram Meshel talks to Israeli workers at the Ramon Airbase, near Mitzpe Ramon.

Histadrut accuses U.S. firm of bias against Israelis

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut yesterday charged the American construction company building the Ramon Airbase with discriminating against Israeli employees, saying they work under poorer conditions than the 1,400 Portuguese brought to work on the base by the ABC company.

The Histadrut declared that under no circumstances would it put up with such practices, demanding "equal conditions for all."

The Histadrut's attack was launched after Secretary General Yoram Meshel visited Ramon,

north of Mitzpeh Ramon, yesterday.

Meshel was impressed with the swimming pool, club, canteen and field hospital provided for the Portuguese workers. But the 300 Israelis there have been barred from the mess hall, the dormitories and the canteen, the Histadrut said.

The labour federation plans to present its demands to the Ministry of Defence which is the channel for negotiations with ABC, Uzi Bloch, an aide to Meshel, said.

Tat-Aluf Moshe Bartov, who is the senior Israeli officer responsible for the construction of the Ramon and Ovda Airbases, declined to comment when reached by The Jerusalem Post last night.

M.E. ARMS BUILDUP

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fast attack craft with missiles. The air force has on order 45 F-15 fighters, 15 TF-15 trainers, 850 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles and 918 Maverick air-to-surface missiles.

Israel's defence spending has also gone up, the report says. In 1979, the total was \$4.9b. while this year it rose to \$5.2b. (or \$1,333 per capita of the population).

But the percentage of the Gross National Product that Israel is spending on defence has gone down from 35.9 in 1975 to 31.1 last year.

The total number in the armed forces of Israel has gone up from 165,000 in 1979 to 169,000 in 1980. While the army has actually been slightly reduced, the air force has substantially increased, from 21,000 last year to 22,000.

The air force has a considerable amount of equipment on order, including 15 F-15s, 67 F16As and eight F-16B fighter planes, 30 Hughes helicopter gunships, 800 Maverick air-to-surface missiles and 800 air-to-air missiles.

The size of Egypt's armed forces has been reduced to 367,000 from 395,000 last year. The biggest reduction is to be found in the army itself, down 30,000 to 338,000. No figure is available for the amount spent by Egypt this year on defence.

Another Middle East country to register an increase in its armed forces in the past year is Iraq, with an additional 20,000, bringing the total up to 242,000. As with Egypt, no figure is available for its military spending this year. Much of the increase in personnel can be found in the past year from 28,000 to 38,000.

The Military Balance points out that Britain is now supplying arms to nine Middle East countries. They are Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Since Egypt abrogated its treaty with the Soviet Union four years ago, that country has delivered no significant arms supplies to Cairo. However, the report states, "some supplies may still be coming from other Warsaw Pact nations."

Asked by The Jerusalem Post to assess the statistics, a spokesman for the Institute said that it would be wrong to read too much into the comparison between this year's figures and those of the previous year.

While it was clear that Syria was trying to become a stronger military force, he said "the question is whether they are acquiring the hardware that they are acquiring."

The Iraqis, too, were attempting to become "the dominant power in the Gulf, but they were hampered above all by their lack of naval capability."

As for the substantial amounts of equipment on order by Arab States, the spokesman did not think that this would alter the balance in the area, as most of it would merely be replacing "old stock."

On the Syria-Libya merger, he did not think that it posed any real strategic threat, particularly as the two countries did not have contiguous borders. "It's a political rather than a military exercise and I can see all sorts of pitfalls," he said.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies, which is a centre for information and research on the problems of international security, defence and arms control and is independent of governments, also notes improvements in British, French and Chinese forces.

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PEDDLING. — The Ashdod municipality has decided to eliminate bike licence fees to encourage greater use of the energy saving vehicle.

Bar Soviets from Chess Olympiad, says former USSR national champion

MOSCOW (UPI). — International Grandmaster Boris Gulko appealed yesterday to the International Chess Federation (FIDE) to exclude the Soviet Union from the World Chess Olympiad opening November 20 in Manila.

Gulko, who was the Soviet National Champion in 1977 and a potential contender to Anatoly Karpov's world crown, based his appeal on the Soviet Union's refusal to let him and his family emigrate to Israel.

"All these discriminatory measures against us are a violation of FIDE's statutes," 35-year-old Gulko said in a statement handed to Western reporters.

He noted that South Africa and Rhodesia were both expelled from FIDE for practising discrimination against black chess players.

"Your position since the moment we applied to emigrate could be called a form of imprisonment. We are completely isolated from chess, which is our profession, we have been dismissed from our work, and we are excluded from all chess competitions," Gulko said.

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State's witness value is limited but real

By DORIS LANKIN

Post Law Editor

The chief rabbis of Israel have disqualified the testimony of a state's witness on the grounds that he must perform an act necessary to the offence in question and thus completely unreliable. This may very well be the halachic rule of evidence, but it has no basis whatsoever in the secular law of evidence, which is the operative law in the criminal courts of Israel.

Under the secular law of evidence, a state's witness would naturally be deemed "involved" in the offence about which he is testifying, but that would by no means make his testimony automatically inadmissible. It would make his testimony suspect and thus subject to a rigorous test of credibility. Furthermore, it would require corroboration and would in no circumstances be sufficient by itself to convict an accused. In other words, the value of the testimony of a state's witness depends on its weight, and not on its "admissibility," which is in no doubt.

There is no question whatsoever of how an observant judge, serving on a secular criminal bench, would react to the chief rabbis' demarcation of a state's witness. The late Justice Silberg, who was himself an observant Jew and a great talmudic scholar, stated very emphatically in

one of his many brilliant judgments that the law of Israel is the law as laid down by the Knesset written in statute books, and halacha; and it is only to the extent to which the secular law implements halacha, as for example, in matters of marriage and divorce, that the latter is applied in the secular courts of Israel.

Any judge in such a court, therefore, who would apply the halachic rule of evidence, would be applying the law in matters of criminal procedure and evidence.

Whether the chief rabbis might have some adverse effect on the readiness of a religious person to turn state's evidence, or influence him to withdraw his evidence, is a different matter. It is quite true that it might have some such effect.

One wonders, however, whether spiritual or religious pressure, or even a threat of a witness's exclusion from a religious community, would not be a more effective means of influencing a witness to testify than the threat of a witness's exclusion from a religious community, which is a criminal offence, carrying a penalty of years' imprisonment.

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RABBIS ARE JURISTS

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public office and party position. NRP secretary-general Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir told The Jerusalem Post that the proposal made by the party would be to remove Gottleib from the post of mayor of Be'er Sheva.

Asked why the chief rabbis hadn't made their halachic ruling in the past, such as when state's witnesses testified in the Ashdod Yachin bribery case, Goren and Yosef also asserted that they "don't initiate rulings when the matter is not strictly halachic, but when it is related to the civil and secular."

Otherwise, they would be accused of religious coercion.

A source close to Rabbi Goren added that the chief rabbis are "advisers to the state on religious matters who answer queries when they are posed."

Asked about Be'er Sheva deputy mayor Yisrael Gottleib, who has agreed to turn state's witness against Abuhaseira, Rabbi Goren said: "He will have to decide for himself." But Rabbi Yosef responded that the testimony of a state's witness is acceptable, and the police will continue to use them as long as this law exists.

Meanwhile, chairman of religious councils around the country yesterday called on Abuhaseira to resign from his post as mayor of Be'er Sheva, Jerusalem office to "express confidence that the battle with the state will pass quickly. They were confident that all who would be proved baseless."

Lawyer accuses rabbi of obstructing justice

PETAH TIKVA (Hem). — A lawyer has been last night filed a complaint against Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef, accusing them of obstructing justice by public statements that testified to a state's witness is acceptable.

Avraham Oren, in his complaint charged that the rabbis' statements were not made as declarations of principle, but within a certain context and at a specific time, indicating that Be'er Sheva deputy mayor Yisrael Gottleib out of testimony to the Religious Affairs Ministry case.

PRIME. — Composer Ya'akov Gikboa and music researcher Yoram Goren have been declared winners of the Bnei Akiva Music Competition 80, the Tel Aviv Municipality announced yesterday.

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LeVay introduced Arom, who was recently chosen to replace Michal Zimmels-Cohn as head of the radio's music division. Arom, once a French horn player in the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, is also the cultural relations officer on behalf of the Foreign Ministry in Africa and France.

Bertini also announced three concerts at the Tel Aviv Museum, and a series of popular music performances to be shown on television.

The following bus routes will not operate on Saturday night: All routes to and from Ellat; Ashkelon to Sderot, Beersheba, Talmie Yafe, Shikma, Kiryat Gat and Ashdod. Ramle to: Hemed, Kfar Habad, Be'er Ya'acov and Moshav Mishmar Ayalon.

For further details, contact the local Egged information offices.

Cinema owners keep Lahat from books

The nurse, from the village of Ukral, allegedly admitted the theft of a gold watch valued at IS1,500 from another patient a few weeks ago. Police will request her remand in court today when and if the ring turns up.

minutes varadimon Orgad told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. But when the renovations were completed, at a IS15,000 cost, Lahat refused to reduce the tax, according to Orgad.

Tel Aviv's 30 cinemas, which accommodate up to 700,000

Strike bid fails in Kiryat Shmona

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The attempt of the members of the local council here to close down services in the town in protest at the Interior Minister's decision to disperse the present council and establish an appointed body, has failed.

All of the services worked yesterday as usual. Mayor Avraham Aloni

T.A. social services to be investigated

The meeting, called in protest over Lahat's drastic cuts in social services personnel, also decried the private fund-raising drives for Tel Aviv's elderly, launched by Abie Nathan, M.K. Samuel Flatto Sharon and others whom the workers

Hillel Cohen, Solel Boneh founder, dies

Three sentenced for too-timely breakdowns

Prof. Alpan buried

HAIFA. — Professor Yitzhak Alpan, of the Technion's Civil Engineering Faculty was buried here yesterday. He died on Tuesday evening at the age of 61.

Born in Russia, Alpan immigrated in 1940 to Israel and began teaching at the Technion in 1950.

Alpan was an expert on earthquakes and served as a UNESCO specialist on the subject in Kenya and Japan. He was married and had two children.

Kollek: Maybe Talita Kumi idea was a mistake

did Kroyanker, who headed the firm for the reconstruction, said the "meant to convey a grotesque warning." "If he wanted to, he should have said something like that yesterday. 'What he told me he wanted to build this is Talita Kumi.'" Kollek has expressed Kroyanker in the past for having

New road from Acre to Rosh Pina

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ACRE. — A new highway linking Acre with Rosh Pina and Upper Galilee via Kibbutzim Farod and Amiad was opened yesterday in the presence of Housing Minister David Levy.

The seven-metre-wide road by-passes the Meron-Safad highway with its dangerous curves. The 4-km. Acre-Rosh Pina route is also six kilometres shorter than the old road. The paving job took 15 months and cost I\$10m.



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A black and white photograph of a group of people sitting around a table in a rustic setting, possibly a restaurant or cafe. The word "Austria" is written vertically in a stylized font on the right side of the image.

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OPEC meeting ends with lack of accord

VIENNA. — OPEC ministers failed to agree on a long-term pricing formula after three days of talks here, and decided to hold another meeting on October 14 to try to resolve their differences, ministers said yesterday.

United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said al-Oteibi told reporters as he left Vienna's Hofburg Palace that divergences which emerged Tuesday night were still unresolved yesterday.

Iran, Algeria and Libya refused Tuesday night to agree to a Saudi Arabian plan submitted to the conference of oil, finance and foreign ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for raising crude oil prices during the next decade.

These three states demanded faster increases, conference sources said.

Oteibi said OPEC oil ministers would meet "somewhere in Europe" next October 14 to resume discussions on drafting a declaration embodying the long-term pricing formula.

The meeting also failed to reach agreement on aid for developing countries, another principal aim of OPEC's long-term strategy.

An OPEC spokesman said the conference decided to remit proposals for expanding OPEC's special aid fund for developing countries to a meeting of finance ministers in Quito, Ecuador, next October 6.

The aim of the Vienna conference was to work out the organization's long-term strategy in a document to be submitted for approval to a meeting of OPEC heads of state in Baghdad early in November.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said after the breakdown of the meeting that his country still would not cut its production of 9.5m. barrels a day, at least for the rest of the year.

A cut in Saudi output had been demanded by OPEC militants as part of the deal for talking about the long-term price and production strategy. (Reuters, AP)

U.S. accepts idea of inquiry into 'past crimes' in Iran

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The State Department agreed yesterday with Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr that the U.S. has accepted the idea of an inquiry into alleged past U.S. crimes against Iran.

In an interview with Agence France Presse, Bani-Sadr was quoted as saying that the U.S. has "accepted the principle of an inquiry commission to look into relations between Iran and the U.S."

A State Department spokesman said, "It has been the public and private position of the U.S. that we would accept an international inquiry, in the context of the release of the American hostages."

A commission made up of UN ambassadors did hold such an inquiry in Tehran early this year, but the arrangement fell apart.

when the militants holding the embassy refused to turn the hostages over to the Iranian government, or to permit members of the commission to visit the Americans.

The Iranian parliament voted to turn over the 519-day-old hostage crisis to a special review commission that may consider the fate of the 52 American captives in secret sessions, again raising the possibility of spy trials.

Teheran radio, in broadcasts monitored in Washington on Tuesday, said the review commission may divide the hostages into groups of "spies and political criminals," and that the "spies" would be dealt with more severely than the others.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter, on the campaign trail, backed off from earlier optimistic predictions and told reporters in Atlanta, "We don't have any prospect for an early resolution of the issue at this time."

Japan keeps USSR relations 'restrained'

TOKYO (AP). — Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito said yesterday that Japan has no intention of relaxing "the strict and severe" restraints it has imposed on policy towards Moscow as a result of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Ito also said he believes Japan, the U.S. and the European Com-

munity nations should coordinate their respective policies towards the Soviet Union to ensure "solidarity" within the western alliance.

Ito leaves today for an 11-day trip to the U.S., where he will meet with senior officials and attend the UN General Assembly meeting in New York. He is also to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Terror leader, police chief slain in Turkey

ANKARA. — A police commander was shot dead by gunmen and a prominent left-wing extremist was killed after a gun battle in Istanbul yesterday in the bloodiest incidents since the military seized power in Turkey last Friday, police said.

District Police Chief Aykut Genc and his wife Rana were shot outside their home by two gunmen who escaped in a car. Mrs. Genc was seriously wounded.

Police officials said late yesterday that two suspected Dev-Sol terrorists had been identified in the shooting of Genc but had not been apprehended.

Dev-Sol, one of 25 terrorist gangs that the country's new military rulers are trying to crush, is accused of much of the political violence that has rocked Turkey in the past six months. Nightly murders were routinely taking more than 25 lives in the final weeks before the Turkish army coup on Friday.

Dev-Sol, which announced its plans to retaliate against the military in telephone calls to Turkish newspapers early yesterday, is also held responsible for the July murder in Istanbul of former prime minister Nihat Erim.

In another Istanbul district, yesterday police shot and killed Zeki Yaci, leader of the self-styled "Marxist-Leninist" Armed Propaganda Unit. He had escaped from a high security prison in the city last month while awaiting trial on murder charges.

The outlawed leftist group has been one of the most violent of the radical movements in Istanbul. It claimed responsibility for two other incidents last December and April when six Americans, including two servicemen, were shot dead in Istanbul streets.

Since the takeover by six top generals and the formation of a ruling national security council on Friday, martial law has been imposed on the whole of the country.

The junta leaders yesterday announced plans to go to parliament today to take an oath before the country. The generals have refused to divulge what they will swear to.

One source said a new premier may be named within 24 hours. The junta issued two decrees yesterday: one allows the military to hold arrested persons for up to 30 days without bringing charges. The other allows all Turkish citizens to travel abroad. A travel ban was imposed immediately after the coup.

The junta is holding at least 1,500 "political extremists" around the country. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Soviets far ahead of West in arms race, report warns

LONDON. — The Soviet Union and its satellites have seized a commanding lead over the U.S. and its allies in both strategic nuclear and conventional weapons, the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) said in a report released today.

The prestigious institute, which has been consulted by leading governmental figures throughout the West, said that it will take years to overtake the lead of the Warsaw Pact nations.

"Not until NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) begins to deploy new long-range (missile) systems in about 1984 can any substantial increase in its capability be expected," the IISS said in its annual survey of world military strength.

The report covers events up to last July but the institute's director,

Christoph Bertram, a West German and former official in the Bonn Defence Ministry, told a news conference that the recent upheaval in Poland "does not affect the figures in the military balance."

Rather, he said, it underscores the possibility of an "unravelling of the existing security system in Eastern Europe and the uncertainty of the reliability of Warsaw Pact forces."

The Soviet troop move into Afghanistan in December demonstrated its ability "for swift mobilization and rapid intervention beyond its borders."

At the same time, Moscow soon discovered "that an army trained for warfare in Europe is not well suited to counter-guerrilla operations."

The IISS urged the U.S. to press ahead "toward more survivable

strategic nuclear forces" because of "Soviet technological improvement which is specifically seen as threatening U.S. land-based missiles."

As the Soviet Union continues to deploy large numbers of newer (and significantly more accurate) long-range missiles, the theoretical vulnerability of U.S. Minuteman and Titan silo-based ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles) increases, the institute said.

The IISS agreed that the MX, America's new mobile missile and the replacement of the Poseidon missiles in American submarines with the longer-range Trident C-4 missile "will go far to assure the credibility of the American deterrent."

The institute said that the greatest disparity between NATO and Warsaw Pact forces lies in con-

ventional weaponry. It remains, however, that the debate in the West over arms is "largely focused on deficiencies in nuclear strategy, rather than on the more troubling shortcomings in conventional strength."

China is developing intercontinental rockets capable of hitting almost anywhere in the U.S. Union, the institute survey said.

The institute said that a missile stage rocket with a limited range of 1,000 to 7,000 kilometres was tested in 1976, and some are believed to have been deployed.

It said that a giant intercontinental rocket thought to have a range of 10,000 km. — which could reach almost anywhere in the U.S. Union — was test-fired last May, there have been no reports of actual deployment yet. (AP, UPI)

Brzezinski defends role in Billy's Libya contacts

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter's National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, testified yesterday that he did not compromise U.S. intelligence by telling the president's brother of the interception of a cable sent by the latter to Libya.

He did, however, confirm that his call to Billy Carter, informant who said a cable concerning Billy's attempt to become a broker for Libyan crude oil on behalf of the Charter Oil Company, of Jacksonville, Florida, was based on information he obtained from CIA Director Stansfield Turner. This is what led several senators on the special Senate subcommittee investigating the relationship between Billy Carter and Libya to suggest that Brzezinski had shown some laxity in the handling of sensitive security matters.

"As Stansfield Turner is reported to have testified, our intelligence was not compromised in my admonishing call to Billy Carter," Brzezinski told the subcommittee.

The national security aide was the only witness called to appear before the Senate panel yesterday, in what might be the final public hearing in its investigation.

On Tuesday, the panel heard from Philip J. Wise Jr., the White House appointments secretary, who denied tipping off the president's brother about a Justice Department investigation, but was unable to recall details of several telephone calls to Billy Carter and his associates.

Billy Carter, running ads in the Atlanta newspapers, is asking \$180 apiece for memoranda of his brother's inauguration, although dealers said the items are not worth more than \$12.

Carter offered post cards and two-dollar bills cancelled by the post office in Plains, Georgia, and dated January 20, 1976, the day of the president's inauguration.

A White House spokesman said he did not know if President Carter is aware of the cards being circulated by his brother. (AP, UPI)

Another jet hijacked to Cuba

MIAMI. — A jetliner about to land at Columbia, South Carolina, with 111 people on board was hijacked to Havana yesterday by two Cubans who doused a stewardess with a liquid and threatened to set her on fire, officials said.

The Delta Air Lines Boeing 727, the 10th aircraft hijacked to Cuba in just over five weeks, landed safely in Miami after Cuban authorities took the air plane into custody at Havana's Jose Marti Airport. As with all previous hijackings this year, no injuries were reported.

Since the latest rash of hijackings began, U.S. marshals have been placed aboard some flights, but the Federal Aviation Administration said none was aboard the Delta plane. After interviewing members

of the crew when the plane returned to Miami, an FBI agent said, "two males poured a liquid, possibly gasoline, over parts of the rear of the cabin. Some of it apparently spilled on a flight attendant."

It was not determined immediately whether the Cubans were refugees who had come to the U.S. in the "Freedom Flotilla" boatlift earlier this year.

The hijacking came less than 24 hours after an announcement by the Communist Party newspaper Granma in Havana said that "those who abandon the fatherland have no return: they went on a one-way trip." The paper warned that hijackers face imprisonment in Cuba or a return to the U.S. for prosecution. (AP, UPI)

Mugabe formally fires white general

SALISBURY (AP). — Zimbabwe's white military commander, who announced his retirement two months ago, was formally stripped of his post this week. Prime Minister Robert Mugabe announced in parliament yesterday.

The action against Lt.-Gen Peter Walls — kept on as military commander although he had led the former white government's forces in the seven-year war against Mugabe's guerrillas — was a formality. However, Mugabe also told cheering black members of parliament that he was considering "other action" against the 64-year-old general.

Mugabe did not specify what action might be taken against Walls, who fell out of favour after a series of controversial interviews in which he was pessimistic about Zimbabwe's future under majority rule

and accused Mugabe's guerrillas of intimidating voters in last February's elections.

Mugabe's financial minister, Enos Nkala, said that Walls' pension might be cut off.

Mugabe previously had threatened to strip Walls of his citizenship.

BURNED CARS — Five cars belonging to members of the U.S. military mission in Athens were set ablaze on Tuesday night. A clandestine organization, the Revolutionary Left, said the attacks were in protest for alleged U.S. support for the Turkish army takeover last week.

Uganda in hands of Obote's party

KAMPALA (Reuters). — The Uganda People's Congress (UPC) party of former president Milton Obote took effective control of Uganda yesterday after the chairman of the ruling military commission called on non-UPC ministers to resign from the cabinet or be dismissed.

Members of rival parties boycotted yesterday's session of the interim parliament and the UPC members on their own passed the controversial electoral bill which had provoked the crisis.

Less than two weeks before general elections are due, the UPC thus took effective control of all organs of power in the troubled East African state — the military commission which took power in a bloodless coup last May, the cabinet and the National Consultative Council (NCC), or interim parliament.

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TO: Lailiberte Marc Andre, 25 Ben-Seruk Street, Tel Aviv Be informed that the Plaintiff has lodged a claim against you under Chapter 320 of the Civil Procedure Rules 5723-1983, a copy of which is available to you at the Registrar's Office of the Court at 1 Walzmann Street, Tel Aviv. If it is your intention to lodge a defence, you are hereby summoned to submit a statement of defence to the court, together with an enumeration of particulars, according to Form 38 of the first Appendix to the aforementioned Rules (Claim for Maintenance for a Spouse). The statement of defence, with its annexures, must be supported by your affidavit, and must be submitted to the court within 15 days of the date of the serving of this summons. You are to appear before Judge Scheinbaum on October 18, 1980, at 8.30 a.m. Should you fail to do so, the Plaintiff will be entitled to obtain a judgment in your absence, in accordance with the statement of claim.

(-) (signed) Chief Clerk of the Court

Free unions meet in Gdansk to plan future coordination

GDANSK (UPI). — Delegates from free trade unions all over Poland met in the seaport strike centre of Gdansk yesterday to discuss formation of uniform statutes and an umbrella-coordinating commission for all new independent unions.

Organisers said that while formation of a national free trade union federation is an ultimate goal, it is "too early to speak of a federation" now, and the meeting would only lay the groundwork.

They said about 180 delegates from factories and enterprises all over Poland met in the conference hall of the new free trade union's headquarters — a four-storey building marked with a huge placard reading "Independent and self-governing trade unions of Gdansk."

Lech Walesa, the 37-year-old strike leader who spearheaded months' strikers' and workers' chief negotiator, took active part in yesterday's meeting which workers and outsiders considered a major step in the direction of future union action and organization.

Lech Bedkowski, a member of the trade union council, said the meeting would be concerned with discussing "experiences of organizing the new trade unions and difficulties in doing so."

Other leaders said they planned specifically to draw up a draft union statute which would be standardized and used as a basis for all of the new independent unions.

Italian Fiat plants struck

TURIN, Italy (UPI). — Tens of thousands of striking Fiat workers held noisy meetings outside factories in and around Turin yesterday in a sharpening protest against the giant automobiler firm's announced plans to dismiss up to 24,000 employees.

Pickets outside most plants prevented the return to work of 74,000 of the 150,000 Fiat workers who were being laid off two days a week — on Mondays and Tuesdays — as a preliminary measure to reduce a backlog of vehicles caused by a drastic drop in exports.

The Metalworkers' Union, which is leading the protest against the planned layoffs, called a strike for four hours per shift yesterday. The strike affected not only the Fiat workers, but also metal workers in other industrial plants in the region.

But in effect, the protest action already had brought work to a standstill in all the main Fiat plants

since last Thursday.

Leaders of the Metalworkers' Union, who have been negotiating Fiat management and with Fiat Minister Francesco Cossiga's mediator, held meetings at 10,000 workers yesterday to rally out against the Rome negotiations.

Union officials have indicated that they are discussing a "promise based on what is known as 'external mobility' of the workers."

That would mean a promise of jobs for native jobs. But the majority of the Fiat workers, spurred on by Foreign Minister Ennio Berlinguer in Bologna last weekend, are saying they will not accept the proposal outright.

Many of the Fiat workers, however, are from the impoverished south, who migrated to the north with their families for the jobs. They see their future in jeopardy.

Czechs reject Spain's conference plan

MADRID (Reuters). — An East-West clash flared at the preparatory phase of the third European Security Conference here yesterday after host nation Spain tried to break a week-long procedural impasse.

Conference sources said Spanish delegate Javier Ruperez tabled detailed proposals for the agenda of the full-scale meeting due to open in Madrid on November 11.

Western officials said the Spanish plan was closely modelled on procedural grooves used at the last security conference in Belgrade two years ago. If adopted, it would allow Western countries ample opportunity to criticise the Eastern bloc for its human rights record and

the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The Spanish paper was well by the U.S. and Western European countries, but sharply rejected Czechoslovakia, the first Warsaw Pact delegation to react to the proposal, according to Western diplomats.

U.S. delegation spokesman Verner described the Czechoslovak reaction as "very tough" added: "At this point in the game is a disappointing statement not helpful."

The Soviet delegation meanwhile, issued a statement pressing regret that no agreement had yet emerged on an agenda for the main conference. Preparations began on Septem-

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	1979 £	1978 £		1979 £	1978 £
Investments	349,500,000	377,988,000	Capital reserves and surplus	157,500,000	159,388,000
Fixed assets	6,000,000	4,314,000	General Insurance, outstanding liabilities reserve	86,100,000	89,146,000
Other properties	116,200,000	98,736,000	Outstanding claims	149,000,000	129,156,000
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Abridged Statement of Accounts of Insurance Business and Profits for the Year 1979

	1979 £	1978 £
General insurance premiums	196,500,000	184,413,000
General insurance profit (loss)	2,000,000	1,500,000
Income from investments, etc., less expenditure not shown in other accounts	30,300,000	22,363,000
Company share in profits of subsidiary and interlocking companies	3,400,000	4,153,000
Trading profit (before appropriations)	36,300,000	29,955,000

Abridged Statement of Accounts of Insurance Business and Profits in Israel for the Year 1979

	1979 IL	1978 IL
General insurance premiums and fees	149,513,500	55,391,376
Profit (loss) on general insurance	(21,609,980)	(8,400,270)
Profit (loss) from investments, less expenditure not shown in other accounts	(4,276,362)	(3,389,695)
Service tax	(25,886,832)	(11,999,385)
Loss for the year		
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Investments in Israel, as at December 31, 1979

	1979 IL	1978 IL
Liabilities in Israel	82,788,000	84,581,000
Approved investments in Israel	67,120,000	38,342,000
Loss on investments in Israel	(16,768,000)	1,221,000
Non-approved investments in Israel	—	1,550,000

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Brzezinski's Iranian blunder

By ANTHONY HOLDEN
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"I received a telephone call from Brzezinski," writes Sullivan, "in the clear over the international circuit from Washington, asking whether I thought I could arrange a military coup against the revolution. I regret that the reply I made is unprintable."

Brzezinski's press spokesman, Alfred Friendly Jr., has already replied that Sullivan's article is "self-serving and inaccurate." He refused, however, to offer a point-by-point rebuttal.

THE TROUBLE came to a head, according to Sullivan, in November 1978, when Brzezinski "began to make his own policy, and established his own 'embassy' in Tehran in the person of Ardashir Zohabi, the shah's ambassador to Washington." Zohabi "returned to Tehran at Brzezinski's behest, with the explicit mission of pulling the shah's resolve together so that he could suppress the revolution."

This ran directly counter to the despatches returning to the State Department from Sullivan and his staff. "Time and again the shah had

told me he could not use force...He continually told me to warn Washington to pay no attention to Zohabi because he did not understand the current situation. Naturally, my reports of this warning served only to deepen the divisions and heighten the suspicions that beset Washington at the time."

Sullivan had already decided to resign in protest, but delayed the announcement while he saw to the safety of American personnel caught in the midst of "the anticipated holocaust." In a hot-line call to the then secretary of state, Cyrus Vance, he urged that an American embassy be sent to Paris to assure Ayatollah Khomeini of U.S. support after his inevitable return to Iran.

Vance agreed, and an envoy was chosen: Theodore Elliot, then inspector-general of the Foreign Service, a fluent Farsi speaker with an intimate knowledge of the situa-

tion. Sullivan thought the day might be saved. Then he received "an urgent night-time message" from the president, ordering him to tell the shah that the Elliot mission was cancelled.

Carter was resting in Guadeloupe at the time. His only companion there was Brzezinski, whose next message informed Sullivan of the arrival of his own envoy to Tehran, General Robert Huyser. His mission was to maintain the loyalty of Iranian troops to the transitional government of Shahpour Bakhtiar.

SULLIVAN HAD already reported that Bakhtiar's regime could not survive, and that the army would never fire on fellow Iranians. Brzezinski had taken a different view. Every action being taken, felt Sullivan, "ran directly counter to U.S. interests."

Sullivan again told Washington that binding the Iranian armed forces to Bakhtiar would "result in the disintegration of the armed forces and eventually in the disintegration of Iran." A "terse" message in reply instructed him

"to continue U.S. support for Bakhtiar, no matter what reservations I had." At that point, he despaired of salvaging the situation.

"However, I was still responsible for protecting about 15,000 remaining Americans in the face of enveloping crisis. I therefore quenched my Irish temper, sent my wife out of the country and prepared for the worst." It was not long coming.

Sullivan, now the president of the American Assembly, a New York-based foreign-policy think-tank, is a widely respected figure with three decades of service to the State Department. Brzezinski will not easily duck his criticisms, despite the White House statement that "now is not the time to conduct a public debate on the details."

Ronald Reagan, Carter's Republican opponent for the presidency, is expected to use Sullivan's article to reawaken the electorate's concern about the fate of the 52 U.S. hostages in Tehran, now in their 11th month of captivity. (London Observer Service)



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Jerusalem, which has always had an unusually large number of the aged and infirm, is continuing its own drive started last year by the Jerusalem Association for Social Services. They hope to supply heating for 3,000 of the city's needy recipients and for this they will need at least \$300,000. This money is to be used for kerosene for home heaters and in some cases electric heaters will be provided and payment made for five hours of heating daily. Some 80 residents of East Jerusalem are included in the programme which is being assisted by the Jerusalem Municipality and volunteers. Contributions to be sent to: Bank Hapoalim Branch 788, account number 648800, Jerusalem.

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Pentagon plans for neutron bomb

PRESIDENT GISCARD's pugnacious announcement that the French have built and tested a neutron bomb has reinvigorated interest in the American version of this weapon.

It turns out that far more research and development work on neutron bombs has been performed in the U.S. in the past two years than has been publicly acknowledged, and that the weapon itself could be available for deployment in Europe as early as March next year.

President Carter's 1978 decision to "kill" the neutron bomb could, in other words, be speedily reversed if Ronald Reagan — who is committed to the bomb's deployment — is elected president in November.

The Pentagon, it turns out, has been planning furiously for a return of the bomb, which most army and air force generals believe is the best tactical battlefield weapon the West has.

The neutron bomb is a small atomic weapon designed to emit huge quantities of deadly radiation, but with very little blast. It will kill living creatures but will leave many structures — roads, bridges, airfields — intact.

The burst of radiation will, in addition, pass through great thicknesses of metal, making an ideal tactical weapon for stopping tank invasions, since the radiation will kill tank crews almost instantly, though without destroying the tanks.

PRESIDENT CARTER, who responded to public pressure not to deploy what was called a "people-killer," is expected to come under pressure from the Pentagon to put

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the weapon into full-scale construction if he is returned to office next November.

Hints that the Pentagon has readied the weapon for near-immediate deployment come in the latest so-called "impact statement" of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency — an independent branch of the government that reports on the likely arms control effect of various American weapon plans.

This year's report, although heavily classified and "sanitized" by the Pentagon, contains some intriguing clues about the neutron bomb, which have led experts to conclude it is only weeks away from translation into reality.

The principal clues come in lengthy expositions of the status of two nuclear artillery shells at present being produced for use with American forces in Europe. The shells, known as the W-70 Lance and the W-79 "eight-inch" warhead, are, quite simply, being made with extra parts that will accommodate neutron bomb inserts.

The report notes that the Pentagon has decided "to proceed with the construction of the

warheads...using designs which would permit their subsequent conversion to enhanced radiation warheads (neutron bomb warheads). In addition, to maintain the options of installing enhanced radiation elements later, some of the (deleted) enhanced radiation components will be produced (deleted)."

IN A TECHNICAL discussion of the eight-inch artillery-fired atomic projectile, or AFAP, mention is made that "as is the case with the Lance W-70 warhead, it is now planned to produce the XM-753 in a non-enhanced version with the W-79-0 warhead, in which the enhanced radiation capability could subsequently be added. Like the W-70 4, some of the W-78 enhanced radiation components will be co-produced (deleted)."

That final word "co-produced" is what has astonished defence experts in Washington — because it is the first time the Department of Defence has admitted that it is actually producing neutron bomb components. The rest of the report's language could be interpreted as meaning that the Pentagon wants simply to provide for the possible eventual construction of neutron weapons.

THE USE of the word "co-produce," which perhaps should have been deleted along with its immediate successor, suggests that parts are already being made, and that perhaps the fission warheads themselves have already been made and are in, as the report says elsewhere, "storage throughout the United States."

(London Observer Service)

ISRAEL AMPAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK LTD.

Financial Statements as at June 30, 1980

(in IL thousands)

Condensed Balance Sheet

December 31, 1979		June 30, 1980		June 30, 1979		December 31, 1979		June 30, 1980		June 30, 1979	
Audited				Unaudited		Audited				Unaudited	
3,526,835	Loans	4,752,818	2,471,789			103,284	Capital, Reserves and Surplus	147,261	69,515		
44,239	Deposits	68,283	40,176			39,695	Perpetual Debentures	54,693	27,792		
27,101	Securities	57,575	18,732			152,390	Debentures	204,981	138,942		
13,093	Sundry Receivables	59,398	9,847			3,199,586	Deposits for Granting of Loans	4,462,893	2,207,260		
6,957	Cash at Bank	4,202	3,833			123,270	Creditors and Credit Balances	72,448	100,868		
3,618,225		4,942,276	2,544,377			3,618,225		4,942,276	2,544,377		

Condensed Statement of Profit and Loss

(in IL thousands)

For the year ending		For six months ending	
December 31, 1979		June 30, 1980	
Audited		Unaudited	
110,105	Operating Profit, before Taxes on Income	120,478	45,947
62,200	Provision for Taxes on Income	76,500	30,700
47,905	Operating Profit, after Taxes on Income	43,978	15,247
4,000	Extraordinary gain, after Taxes	—	—
51,905	Net Profit	43,978	15,247

Money Matters

'Industry charged higher rates than anywhere else' Manufacturers complain about rising bank interest

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The interest rates charged by the banks — which will go up by another 7 per cent on October 1 — are higher than those charged by any bank in any of the main countries to which we export. This was stated yesterday by Arnon Tiberg, deputy director-general of the Manufacturers Association, speaking to *The Jerusalem Post*.

He stressed that the high interest rates made Israeli goods abroad more expensive and thus less competitive, making them much harder to sell.

"We are astounded that Arnon Gabny, governor of the Bank of Israel, allowed the banks to raise their rates again," he said, "especially when he is fighting so hard to get up a package deal with us and the Histadrut. We can't be expected to freeze prices when the costs of production and raw materials continuously rise."

According to Tiberg, there was no reason to permit the 7 per cent increase in interest rates this October. "The index might have risen by 5.5 per cent in August, but the annual rate of inflation has not changed much."

He claimed that according to

figures his association had drawn up, the banks were making a nice "real" profit at the present rates. He said that the "real" (as distinct from inflationary) rates in August, and at present, were 19 per cent on regular loans and as high as 77 per cent on unauthorized "overdraft" loans.

(The inflationary rates were 169 per cent and 502 per cent respectively. These figures are based on compounding the interest rate every three months, since the average of both the regular and unauthorized loans is only for three-month periods, or less.)

"The new average 'real' rates will be as high as 25 per cent a year," he claimed. He expected to have figures soon for the "real" unauthorized overdraft rates.

"At present, the average cost of financing an industrial plant is about 20 per cent of the cost of production. This includes an average of both the regular and unauthorized (government-subsidized) credit."

In many plants, Tiberg claimed, the cost of financing is almost as high as the cost of labour.

He admitted, however, that there was very little the industrialists could do about the latest hike, except to scream to high heaven which he did not think would do much good.

Diamond industry hit by world slump, higher financing costs

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's diamond industry continues to be plagued by recessionary conditions, as world demand for gems is running below forecasts.

Sales to the U.S. in particular have been negatively affected by the current economic downturn there.

Diamond manufacturers and dealers, who have just returned from their summer vacations, are seriously concerned about the worsening of the percentage of financing extended by the Ministry of Finance. Financing is to be lowered from 80 per cent to 70 per cent of the value of the merchandise.

Furthermore, current interest rates are to be raised from a level of 80 per cent of the Shredollar rate, to 70 per cent. In effect, this has raised

the interest rate by one per cent. The pressure of interest rates has become even more acute, as Shredollar rates have recently been in a strong upward trend, from a low of about 9 per cent, a month ago, to about 12 per cent in recent days.

Haim Danell, general manager of the Diamond Manufacturers Association, pointed out that by comparison South African Diamond industrialists are only charged 6.2 per cent interest. The Israeli diamond industry, according to Danell, is further hampered competitively vis-a-vis the South Africans, in that the latter obtain roughs at a price 10 per cent lower than that paid by Israel.

The Israel Diamond Manufacturers Association is currently asking the Bank of Israel and the Ministry of Finance to reconsider the worsening of interest rates and terms of financing.

British Airways adjusts to losses

LONDON (UPI). — British Airways, faced with "a very serious financial situation," will cut 50 flights a week, sell important London property and reduce capital spending and staff in a bid to "avert a crisis," the state-owned company announced this week.

The proposed cuts include the money-draining superjumbo Concorde flights from London to Singapore, and more than 3,500 staff this year alone.

"This is emphatically not a crisis," chief executive Roy Watts said in announcing the cuts. "We are calling on our whole workforce to join together in making quite sure it does not become one."

The line ran up a \$40.8m. pre-tax loss by July this year, against a \$100.8m. profit over the same period last year.

Costly drop in waste paper collection

TEL AVIV. — Amnir, an affiliate of the Hadara Paper Mills, which collects waste paper and cardboard on behalf of the Soldiers Welfare Committee, reports a 20 per cent drop in collections lately.

"Thinner" newspapers, caused by a falling-off of advertising, and the rest to other reasons.

Normally, Amnir collects 1,000 tons of scrap a month. The present collection of only 800 tons will deprive the Soldiers Welfare Committee of about \$100,000 a month.

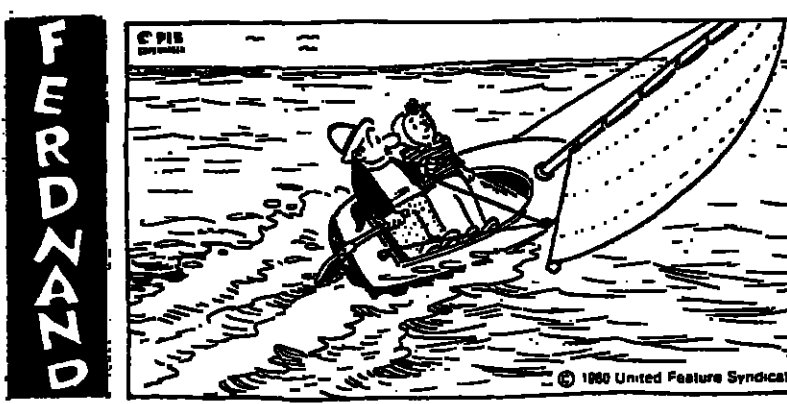
Malraz vs. noise from the skies

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Noise from planes should be a legitimate cause for complaint, according to Malraz, the Public Council for the Prevention of Noise and Air Pollution.

regulations against such disturbances, it ought to be. Be'erli was submitting a petition to the Health Ministry against crop-dusting planes flying over the Bellinson area of Petah Tikva.

In his complaint to the Ramle district health officer, he pointed out that the low-flying planes, taking off early in the morning, disturbed the sleep of the residents, especially the children.



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Opinion

A WORLD AFRAID

ELIEZER BERKOVITS calls on Israel to return to the sources of its moral strength in face of the world hysteria about the Jerusalem Law.

ANY DAILY newspaper one picks up will show headlines like these: "Seven executed for plot to overthrow Khomeini"; "Ethiopia denies reports that it invaded Somalia"; "Indian Government to expand internal powers" (i.e., to assume power to send troops to any "disturbed" area in the country); "Soviet priest gets five years at hard labour."

Such headlines have become the world-citizen's breakfast fare. They are only the tip of the iceberg, surface signals of a storm of worldwide disintegration that is brewing in the deep. And yet, the chief preoccupation of international society has become little Israel.

In terms of historic significance, nothing could be more tragically comic than the hysteria of self-righteous indignation that greeted the Jerusalem Law. One is reminded of Nero playing the fiddle while Rome burned. It is important that Israel understand the reasons for both the self-righteousness and the hysteria.

Both are relatively easy to understand, and have nothing to do with respect for international law or concern with the plight of the Palestinian Arabs. The world is the same international society that was silent when the Nazis were implementing their Final Solution against the Jewish people, that humbly swallowed the Russian annexation of the Baltic states, of part of East Prussia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania, and did not give a peep when Russian troops crushed Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Neither was the international conscience much exercised by the genocides perpetrated in Biafra, Cambodia, or the mass murders of an Idi Amin. To this day it is ignoring the plight of the Kurdish people, oppressed in two countries, as if ignored the persecution of the frontier tribes in Afghanistan. The international community could not be expected to do more.

THE BRIGHT IDEA of the Liberal Party's publicity man, David Admon, that Gaiel Zahal, the army radio, should start broadcasting commercials, is the kind of thinking that is likely to swing the Israeli pendulum from depression to unmitigated joy.

Of course, Mr. Admon qualified his proposal with the reservation that the income from the commercials should be devoted to a "good cause." In this case the IDF's education fund. He need not have done. We know that all advertising is always in a good cause, namely, to make the publicity firms rich. We also know that the good cause is inevitably the thin end of the wedge, and if this brilliant proposal gets the blessing of the powers that be, it won't be long before Gaiel Zahal is running advertisements in less good but even more remunerative causes.

This correspondent has been on board a number of U.S. Sixth Fleet

international community could not forgo the pleasure of exhibiting its Olympic sportsmen in a country that invaded another member of the UN. So, why the righteous indignation against Israel?

It would seem to us that the nations of the world are not happy about their response to the Jerusalem Law. They have acted the way they did at the command of the Arab oil lords. For any free nation it is humiliating to be dictated to. Self-righteous indignation against someone else is a well-known popular remedy for loss of self-respect. But why the hysteria?

HYSTERIA is usually a symptom of fear. The Arab control on so major an energy source not only dictates, to a very large extent, the policies of the nations toward Israel, but it also undermines the economic structure of most of them. Besides the suppressed hurt to national self-esteem, there is a suppressed sense that a day of reckoning is approaching. As long as Israel bows meekly to the Western dictate, one may pursue the delusion that that day may never come. The Jerusalem Law has disturbed the delusion.

The violent Arab response to a vote in the Knesset that has in fact changed nothing evoked the spectre that it may not be possible to postpone indefinitely the final issue at the expense of Israel alone. The suppressed sense of threatening disaster has been raised closer to consciousness. Fear adds hysteria to self-righteous indignation. Under these conditions, moral and spiritual erosion is unavoidable, and moral rot is eating away at the vitals of the Western world. Everything is for sale — institutions and people, public opinions and governmental policies. It is only natural that in this kind of international "order," the reality and the cause of Israel

should be a continuous irritant and a "disorganizing" element.

The response to the Jerusalem Law should enlighten Israel that this self-righteous hysteria demands not negotiation, but capitulation by negotiation. The only effect this country's policies may have is that good policies may slow the pace of capitulation; bad ones may hasten it. In fact, bad policies may bring home to the people of Israel and to world Jewry what is really at stake.

The Jerusalem Law, however, has a much deeper significance for our self-understanding. Recently a young man I know moved his family from Jerusalem to a settlement beyond the "green line." He is not a political person, and not a religious fanatic or a mystic. Why did he do it? "I am willing to negotiate about Judea and Samaria rationally. But I shall not allow international anti-Israel hysteria to determine my life or the life of my children," he told me. In a nutshell, he was saying that the Jerusalem Law is calling us back to ourselves, to the very essence of our entire historic existence. To give up Jerusalem — the ideal, the vision, the hope, the promise of the ages — would be to reject everything the Jewish people represents in the history of mankind. It would be a form of national self-humiliation and self-rejection unlike anything history has seen.

It would be a rejection not only of the national, but also of the international, spiritual and ethical significance of Jerusalem, which this city of God received through the prophets of Israel and the sacrificial loyalty of the Jewish people in all generations. To give up Jerusalem would be a rejection of the meaning of Judaism and a declaration that the entire course of Jewish history has been a tragic mistake. We might as well pack up and leave the stage of history.

Dry Bones



Indeed, there would be no need to pack up; we would disappear automatically.

NOTHING could be more foolish than to respond to anti-Israel hysteria with the hysteria of political self-mortification. The Jerusalem Law should make us all realize that a people like ours does not live by politics alone. The most realistic politicians among us are the yordim, but not by politics have we survived as a people. This new Israel was built against all political and material odds, not by politicians, but by men and women of idealism, faith, dedication, and ultimate commitment — all values, unfortunately, in a state of erosion.

The Jerusalem Law could call us back from becoming another little Levantine state. It should lead us back to the sources of our spiritual

and moral strength, the secret of our survival. Then we could be the political instruments needed for the struggle we face in the contemporary world. One day, the world may become aware of the dignity of its old traditions. It yet becomes more deadly to the dangers of the continuous erosion of its economic health and degrading dissolution of its social and political values.

If that process is ever to come about, Israel must become a catalyst for it by being loyal to its cause, with a conviction of justice of its cause, with strength, and respect, with command dedication to its system of values.

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Beware of campaign rhetoric

IN MOST DEMOCRATIC societies, the electorate discounts campaign promises by political contenders; it knows that courtship differs from marriage. Certainly this precept is deeply fixed in the American political experience.

Yet every four years, during presidential campaigns, American voters are beguiled by promises, even as they know and the candidates know that they know, that what is promised before November 4 has little bearing on what will happen after that date.

In the present U.S. election campaign, as in the past, the three presidential rivals are working hard to beguile Jewish voters with overripe rhetoric and heady promises about their future conduct towards Israel.

The statement earlier this week, by the Republican candidate, Ronald Reagan, suggesting a Vatican-type arrangement for the holy places in Jerusalem, while keeping Jerusalem undivided under Israeli sovereignty, is the latest example of such campaign rhetoric. Since Mr. Reagan failed to expound the idea in detail, he raised more questions than he answered.

As the campaign heats up, more such pledges and proposals, with a good dash of ambiguity, can be expected.

American Jews will, as always, determine their vote largely in terms of their distinct voting traditions and general American perceptions. Israel is one and only one element in the American-Jewish equation.

In this country, however, there is a tendency to exaggerate the importance and impact of Israel-focused campaign rhetoric, and to assume that the lines of distinction which the candidates are so keen to draw between themselves during a campaign will also inform their policies once they are elected. These are optical illusions, based perhaps on a false projection of Israel's ideological political patterns onto the wholly different American scene.

In the United States, new administrations do not seek to undo the past because it was managed by another party. In fact, the candidates artificially blow up their policy differences precisely because these differences are so often marginal and minuscule. Especially in the TV age, it is personality and style that the electioneering specialists wish to serve up to the electorate, for the issues do not seize the voters, as they do, for example, in Israel.

Thus, rather than dwell on current U.S. campaign oratory, Israelis should ponder the remarks of former President Richard Nixon last week.

The present candidates, Mr. Nixon said, are "going perhaps overboard on the pro-Israeli side...they are going to have to forget that rhetoric when they deal with the real problem."

He speaks from experience, and we should all take heed.

Crass interference

NOBODY loves a criminal turned state's witness. There is indeed something morally repellent about a lawbreaker being allowed to go scot-free in return for testimony incriminating his fellow malefactors. But to reject such evidence out of hand would mean to let many more offenders go unpunished.

That is why state's evidence is held admissible in Israel's courts, even though it is always, as Law Editor Doris Lankin points out in *The Jerusalem Post* today, "subject to a rigorous test of credibility."

This has been the law of the land for the past 32 years, and never has a legislator, a lawyer, a judge or for that matter a rabbi of any note taken umbrage at it on the ground that an accessory to an offence is a totally unreliable witness under any circumstances. A halachic ruling to this effect was made for the first time by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef before a group of religious youth on Tuesday, and endorsed by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren yesterday.

What, one wonders, has prompted such a sudden burst of halachic creativity at Heichal Shlomo? And what has brought about such ready agreement between the two antagonistic — despite their recent reconciliation — chief rabbis?

Rabbi Yosef, it may be observed, could easily have confined his responsum in the matter to halacha itself — and to the rule of halacha as it applies to the rabbinical courts. Instead he explicitly called for the repeal of the "shameful" rule about state's evidence in the ordinary courts of law. In the meantime, he appeared to suggest, the rule should be effectively suspended, by both judges and witnesses.

Today, the one major case which may turn, if it is brought to trial, on the testimony of accessories, is that of Aharon Abuhazzeira, the minister for religious affairs, who is suspected by the police of graft and corruption. Although Rabbi Yosef has not been on the best of terms with the minister lately, it stands to reason that his — and Rabbi Goren's — halachic ruling is tailored specifically for Mr. Abuhazzeira's benefit.

Even if the ruling has no effect on the judges in this case, however observant they may be, observant witnesses — and nearly all witnesses in the case are likely to be observant — could presumably be frightened by it into silence. This could net them up to two years in jail, but the case (like Yitzhak Raphael's, some years back) might very well collapse.

That would not, however, be the end of the affair, by any means. Mr. Abuhazzeira's hopes, such as he may entertain, of proving his innocence in the court of public opinion, as well as of law, would be destroyed. The Chief Rabbis would be found guilty in the eyes of the people of subordination of witnesses, even if they are never formally charged with the offence. So, too, would be the NRP if, emboldened by the Chief Rabbis' ruling, it threatens to strip of their party posts all members who turn state's evidence against one of the party's cabinet ministers.

The crass, self-serving interference by the Chief Rabbis in the country's legal process has in fact already raised some most disturbing, and so far dormant, questions about the relation between the rule of law and the authority of halacha. Many people will welcome such an overdue, if agonizing reassessment.

From their own viewpoint, though, Rabbi Yosef and Goren should view it as a distinct disservice to their cause.

PROTECTING THE LISTENER

YA'ACOV FRIEDLER warns against putting advertisements on Army Radio, no matter how nicely the proposal may be packaged.

ships which have visited Haifa, and many of them have their own radio and even TV stations. But although the U.S. invented air-wave advertising, they are not allowed to broadcast commercials, and the breaks in the films designed for the insertion of commercials are exploited for promoting really good causes such as health, education and the virtue of keeping secrets.

I BELIEVE Israel will be well advised not to permit the army radio to go into commercials. I think we've got quite enough insane sing-

ing ads on the civilian networks, not to mention the behind-the-back advertising on TV's sportscasts, when we are forced to watch the advertisements not only around the playing fields, but on the shirts of the players too.

However, if Mr. Admon's great suggestion is taken up, then why stop at Gaiel Zahal? Why not have good cause advertising in many more places? In the same way that Gaiel Zahal is to finance army education (ISROm. annually was Admon's estimate of the probable lool), why not finance other deserving

endeavours by the same means? A few examples will suffice to convince our consumer society.

Take the Hevra Kadisha burial societies. There is a growing shortage of cemetery space in the cities, and by judicious advertising at funerals, enough money might be raised to buy the extra land that will assure us all of being able to rest in comfort after we have switched off our last commercial.

It is not difficult to imagine the scene. The large crowd of mourners, a captive audience if ever there was one, the cantor

reciting the last prayer for departed, lamented by all an especially the advertiser, for whom NEGE is a dead loss, and the becker's grave to remind us that we might well spend it while we can; we can't take it with us.

Cantor: The Lord hath given the Lord hath taken away. Commercial: But Schreinitz's shrouds are for ever.

The opportunities are almost unlimited, and I have no doubt the advertising boys will overcome limits there may be.

PERSONALLY, I prefer things they are. Gaiel Zahal without commercials, no second, come channel on TV, and football that bear only the name of the and not the one they have to go.

While I have taken no poll, sure to think that my guess good as Mr. Admon's, and I that the majority will agree me.

READERS' LETTERS

PROJECT RENEWAL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — As an American businessman who deals on a daily basis with the efficient spending of large sums of money, I have been startled by some of your recent articles dealing with Project Renewal.

As the Chairman of the Project Renewal Committee of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, I was shocked by the lead sentence of one of those recent articles: "rarely can so many people have been made so miserably by so much money and good intentions."

I cannot speak to the complaints of Mayor Teddy Kolek about the use of Project Renewal monies in Jerusalem. I can, however, tell you that I participate in no such complaints from the city of Petah Tikva about the impact of Project Renewal on the community of Amishav, which has been adopted by our Chicago Jewish United Fund, and I feel justified in protesting against the negative point of view which your paper has taken toward Project Renewal as a whole.

If you have any reporters or photographers who wish to familiarize with Amishav-Petah Tikva, as it was two or three years ago, let them go back and see Amishav as it is today. Let them talk to the people in Amishav. Let them see how much improvement already has been accomplished in this long-neglected and deprived community.

In Amishav, there are playgrounds and basketball courts in place of the mud holes which used to serve those purposes. There is a new day-care centre, which our Chicago money has built. In Amishav, a community in which the citizens were loth to participate with one another in making plans for their own future, there now are members, representing all the ethnic and national groups, serving on the steering committees to plan the Project Renewal programmes. The people of Amishav are even publishing a monthly newspaper about their community.

The government of Israel certainly has been doing its part. We, in turn, are trying to do our share with frequent visits of inspection and consultation; by our JUF Directors having authorized us to hire a Hebrew-speaking community worker to go to Amishav to live for an extended period; by constantly reminding the various government agencies of what Amishav needs and by trying, to the best of our ability, to cooperate with the government of Israel, and the local authorities of Petah Tikva and the people of Amishav.

According to the articles I have read in your paper, various groups and officials in Israel seem to be making cooperation as difficult as

possible. When I read of bickering between the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Jewish Agency and mayors and the Government of Israel, I am both appalled and frightened for the future of Project Renewal — which so many in Israel seem not to understand.

According to one article in your paper, Mayor Kolek seems to believe that the way to solve the social problems in the Project Renewal communities is for world Jewry to collect millions of dollars and ship those dollars over to the mayors of Israeli cities to do with what they will.

This is not the way Project Renewal was conceived and it is not the way it can be made to work. Project Renewal can be effective only if it is a true partnership between all elements of the Israel Government, the local government, and the Diaspora community which is participating in each neighbourhood's renovation. Moreover, I can assure you that no American Jewish community would be able to raise the kind of money which Project Renewal requires, were it to be handled in the way your article suggested.

It may be that there will be communities in Israel in which Project Renewal may not work. It is my devout hope that there will be few failures.

So, I beg you not to publicize only the loudly proclaimed negatives and failures of Project Renewal, but to give equal space and attention to the quietly proceeding successes like the partnership between the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago and the municipality of Petah Tikva to bring the 800 families of Amishav into the mainstream of Jewish and Israeli life.

ELI FIELD, Chairman, Project Renewal Committee, Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago.

QUALITY PUBLICATION

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — As a recent subscriber and avid devourer of any and all information printed in your newspaper, I would like to send my commendation and appreciation for the relevant, rational, and lucid reporting I find in your articles and editorials.

As an American with plans of ally in the near future, I find that *The Jerusalem Post* fulfills all I am looking for in an English-language Israeli newspaper.

GORDON SHEWACH, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

FIRST STEP

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — For those who sincerely want a practical solution to the problem of the recognition of marriage, divorce, and conversion by all streams in Judaism, and not an excuse to keep the battle lines drawn, there is one (not original with this writer).

We should establish joint rabbinic boards all over the world whose purpose would be to administer marriage, divorce and conversion in accordance with the highest standards of the rabbi participant in every area. Unanimity rather than majority agreement would be required. This in one stroke the door would be opened to raise the standards of study, practice, mikva, regardless of whether the person happened to come through a Reform, Conservative or Orthodox door. There would be objections: from Orthodox rabbis who enjoy their position of exclusivity, and the pleasure of looking down on other Jews as a lesser breed; from some Jews as a lesser breed; from some Reform and possibly some Conservative rabbis for whom at this point

the combination of full halachic standards and loss of independence would be a problem. However it would be a beginning of tremendous importance, undoubtedly positively involving the large proportion of authentic Jews in all camps for whom religious political action is secondary and authentic Judaism primary.

The present situation seems to be one of rigidity, exclusivity and rejection of Kibbutz by politicians. Orthodoxy. It would be a marvelous step forward — a miracle, in its basic sense — if 1971 were to mark the beginning of public flexibility, openness and mutuality. Such a step forward in and with the Jewish State, might truly be the beginning of ultimate redemption.

RABBI JOSEPH HUCKELMAN, Safad.

ACTION CALL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — The publication in your 10th August International Edition, Professor Irwin Collier's comment regarding the international status of the Jewish people coupled Moshe Dayan's grave warning: "The world-wide offensive movement against Israel was surely no evidence. These articles are a galvanizing force for the Jewish world into action."

Without favouring any particular political opinion, I submit that a strong national government, Israel actively supported by articulate Diaspora leadership, ensure Israel's continuation, viable entity and, in the historical sense, the survival of Jews in all lands.

WILLIS S. REINHARTER, Oceanside, New York.

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